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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
In Re Application of:

George B. DIAMOND, et al.

Date: February 14, 2005

Serial No.: 09/769,628

Group Art Unit: 1761

Filed: January 25, 2001

Examiner: Steven L. Weinstein

For: APPARATUS HAVING A SPLASH GUARD FOR PREVENTING SPLASHING

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION AND FEE FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 CFR 1.17, 1.136(a) AND 35 USC 41(a)8**

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 13, 2004 by three (3) months.

Enclosed is our check No. 19593 which includes the amount of \$510.00 for the petition fee in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17 computed as:

Response within third month

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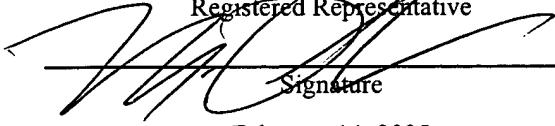
You are authorized to charge to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700 any additional amounts owing.

If this petition is inadequate to avoid abandonment, the Assistant Commissioner for Patents is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on February 14, 2005.

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